

13. Ought not we do something for God in gratitude for the pardon of our sins? See Acts 1:8.

Memorize v. 10.

#### HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

The following suggestions seem necessary on this most important subject. They are intended for the converted. The whole Bible is for the child of God, while only about a fourth can be claimed by the unbelieving or indifferent. I Cor. ii: 14: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

(a) The student must be *regenerated*. This is far more important than a knowledge of Greek or Hebrew, valuable as that is. (The Revised Version will greatly assist.) It is better to understand the language of God.

(b) The *will* must be surrendered (Matt. vi: 22, 23.) The "single eye" means the surrendered will.

(c) The student must be *obedient*. (Jas. i: 21, 22.) If you see a command and do not obey, the Word becomes as dark as midnight. If you want more truth, obey what you have.

(d) The student must be *humble* and *teachable*. (Matt. xi: 25.) He must recognize the fact that there are a great many things he does not know, and must realize that his judgment is less than a babe's, compared with that of the infinite God. The person who thinks he can understand everything is like one trying to measure the ocean with a pint cup. Also, he must not come to make the Bible agree with his theology, but simply to find out what God has to say.

(e) The student must have *faith that it is God's Word*. (I. Thess. ii: 4.) This implies: (1) That I must always and unhesitatingly submit my judgment to the Word of God. (2) That I must bank on His promises without discounting them. Risking everything on the promises is the secret of growing in faith. (3) That I obey immediately, exactly and without questioning. It is ours to obey. *Trust and obey.*

(f) Josh. i: 8. Meditate! Meditate! MEDITATE! The student must be willing to think. Not they who eat most, but they who digest most are strongest. He that meditates most gets most. Nuggets of gold are found by digging. In milk, the cream is on the surface, but not in the Scriptures. Incorporate the Word into your very being (Jer. xv: 16.)

(g) Psalms cxix: 18. A prayer. Students must pray. Difficult passages will yield to prayer oftentimes. Get all the sidelights you wish, but meanings will be revealed in many instances by hunting up parallel passages and prayer. Let in the lights by prayer.—*The Christian Guardian*.

## Church News.

### Lake Wavelets.

We bid farewell to Michigan. A little over a year ago we came to New Troy, a stranger. Our mission was to do the will of Christ, to oppose sin, to be instrumental in the hands of God, to save souls. We came an entire stranger, but go away with many warm and loving friends. Our year's work has been in the main pleasant. We leave some very earnest, consecrated workers and some of the other—indifferent ones, that are too often found in too many congregations. Yet our labors have not been in vain. Fourteen have been received by baptism and we pray God that they may be a power for good. Some seed has been sown, we believe, that will be garnered after awhile, if properly watered by an apollo. We preached our farewell sermon August 22. We leave because a greater work can be accomplished by us elsewhere and not for the reason Michigan needs less laborers. It is a neglected field of the Brethren church and needs more *active* ministers in the field.

### OUR NEW FIELD OF WORK.

We return to our old native state, Indiana. Having received a call to take charge of the Nappanee church at once, we enter the work with renewed vigor and a determination to battle against sin. As many well know, our brethren have a new church in this enterprising town. From our brief acquaintance we find an earnest, devoted, wide-awake band of workers, willing to do everything in their power for the Master. We expect a year of hard work, as we have much opposition—eight or nine different denominations in town, but the Gospel-alone will win when coupled with hard and earnest work. May we have grace and strength to ever do his will and the work a crowning success to the saving of souls in Nappanee.

### UNION SALEM.

This is a point three and one half miles from Nappanee, of which we shall have the oversight as pastor the coming year. Brother Perry has been serving them the past year and it is needless to say they hold him in the highest esteem. This class has some very earnest workers and we predict a pleasant and profitable year among them. *Unity* is a characteristic feature of their work and purposes. Would it were found more in every class and then Christ's kingdom would be extended more rapidly.

### LAPAZ.

This point will be the third place in our charge for the coming year, only sixteen

miles distant from Nappanee. Here we expect some hard battles with the enemy. We also expect victory in the fight. We pray for co-operation and unity of purpose and we know success will be the result. With headquarters at Nappanee, we anticipate a pleasant and profitable year in the Master's vineyard. May we have, not only the prayers of our congregations, but of all God's children, that Christ's name may be exalted and not man; that many souls may be born into the kingdom of Christ and live a life for Christ and lead others to know him as their personal Savior.

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New Troy, Mich.

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Lord did glorious work for us on the eastern shore of Maryland. We erected our tent there after we closed meeting at Cypher, Pa. We preached two weeks on prophecy and the deep spiritual life. This brought out the most of the town of Ridgely. We had preached there for several years, but never before would many of the original settlers come to hear, but they came to hear these non sectarian subjects.

Then we switched off, gave them the design of baptism, immersion, trine immersion. The apostolic communion, foot-washing, Lord's supper and communion. Then we pressed invitations for a few days. Souls came forward almost every night. We closed, went home over Sunday, went back on Tuesday and preached three nights more. Seventeen came forward these three nights, seven the last night. On account of National Conference, I closed on Thursday night, went to Virginia after my better half and from there to conference. Baptized 21, and about 10 not yet baptized. We have now between fifty and sixty members there and hope to organize them very soon into an independent church. They are yet all members of Philadelphia church. In reaping this harvest of over half a hundred, I did not give them over 6 Sundays in three years, the result of week-day preaching. Like the Bereans they are noble students. Many have joined Bible class, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, etc., and they will pay my way once a month, a distance of 90 miles, to teach them.

O, I would to God that all our preachers would get the missionary spirit and enlarge the borders of Zion. We could double our membership every few years. Last Sunday we baptized three more in the city. They live at Landsdale, about 25 miles from Philadelphia. We have now five noble members there and we